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Synagis Calculator Instructions for RSV Season 2005-06

As previously stated in "This Computes! #131", DHS has decided for the current RSV season to use the same methodology for the authorization of Synagis as was in place for the 2004-05 RSV season. The information provided at the time of the request must document eligibility requirements as identified in recent N.L.: 27-1005.

To aid in the completion of Synagis SARs, **there is a new tool**, a Synagis Calculator spreadsheet, **on the CCS web page that can be accessed by clicking on "CMS Net System Information and Help Tools", then clicking on "Synagis Calculator."**

Notes:

- The calculator assumes a 1-kg/month weight gain. If the child's history indicates any deviations from this assumption, the use of this tool is not recommended.
- The calculator is formatted for a maximum of 5 vials of the 100mg strength per dispensing (or up to a first dose weight of 30.6 kg for 7 doses). If the number of vials of 100mg/1 ml vials exceeds 5 (look at row 11), do not use this tool. Dispensing of 6 vials or more will not show.
- The calculator will indicate how many units and vials to code into a SAR:
 - Units only for CPT code 90378.
 - Units only for Medi-Cal X-Code.
 - Units and Quantity for NDC.

Specific Instructions:

1. Open the spreadsheet as read-only, if prompted.
2. The worksheet labeled "Client Info" will show.
3. Input client info and make any notes as necessary. Remember to hit the "enter" key after entering data in the last cell.

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4. Input, in kilograms only, the numerical value for the child's weight. Do not key in "kg" or any other alpha characters or units. Only a numerical value is recognized for the formulas to function.
5. The calculator automatically assumes a 1-kg weight gain per month and calculations for this weight gain is automatically defaulted. Therefore, before opening the dose worksheets enter a numerical kilogram value for the child's initial weight in the Client Info worksheet.
6. There should be 7 additional worksheets, labeled "1 Dose", "2 Doses", to "7 Doses". If you do not see this, point your cursor arrow at the left margin of the right-left scroll bar until a double arrow shows. Click and drag to the right until all 7 worksheet tabs show.
7. If Client Info has been filled in, the spreadsheet will auto-populate the information in the other worksheets.
8. Pick the number of doses of Synagis you want to authorize. The maximum is 7 doses.
9. Determine who will administer the Synagis. This will determine the method to code the SAR. The calculator will show how to code each of the 3 methods allowable for the 2005-2006 RSV season.